

Catalyst

Be The Change

Service-Learning Trips
2010

March 27-April 3, 2010

What is service-learning:

Service-learning is learning to participate and contribute in community.

What is a Catalyst Service-Learning Trip?

Our mission of *Catalyst* is to use service-learning to investigate questions of justice and community. These trips are designed to provide you with an opportunity to learn and do service over spring break. The trips are open to all currently enrolled undergraduate CLA students of Hamline University. Each trip is co-led by a student leader and a staff resource person. Trips are organized through the OSLV, the Office of Service-Learning and Volunteerism, a program of the Wesley Center.

This is the tenth year of this student-initiated program. Student leaders and OSLV are excited for *Catalyst* and we thank you for your interest in service-learning.

Applications Due to the OSLV by October 29.

Where are we going?

OSLV surveyed first year students and HUSC, your student government, last year to find out what places and topics are of interest to students. Here are the 2010 sites and topics:

- Chicago - Community Arts in Chicago
- New Orleans, Louisiana – Rebuild New Orleans post Katrina
- Washington D.C. – Homelessness, Service, Education, and Advocacy
- White Earth Land Recovery Project, Minnesota – Environmental, Food Justice, and Sustainable Communities

Catalyst Trip Information OVERVIEW

Chicago

Community art means learning with, and from, arts organizations that include a focus on social justice. Chicago artists from many media work with neighborhoods, community groups to teach and empower people. Student leaders and staff will lead community arts adventures in the Midway and Minneapolis as a way of preparing for Chicago. We'll stay at a neighborhood church and have plenty of opportunities to enjoy Chicago.

New Orleans Information

Post Katrina rebuilding the community efforts include dry walling, painting, siding, landscaping, and other important efforts. The group will stay at a Hands On New Orleans church site. Students will learn about the effects of the hurricane on New Orleans as well as the continual community organizing related to social justice. If student interest warrants, there will be two groups going to New Orleans for 2010.

Washington DC

Homelessness is a persistent social problem that can be solved through political advocacy informed by education and service. This group will stay at the Steinbrucker Center, close to the White House; work at N Street Shelter, a women's shelter; visit elected officials; and enjoy D.C. Students will prepare by learning about homelessness in MN by group service-learning experiences in the Twin Cities.

White Earth Land Recovery Project

You work with White Earth Land Recovery Project an Ojibwe community organization in northern MN. Maple syrup tapping is the work, if the weather permits. Plus, you meet with elders, work with youth, learn about treaty rights, sustainable communities, the slow food movement, and enjoy Winona LaDuke and other activists.

General Information

The student fee for *Catalyst* trips to Chicago, New Orleans, and Washington cost \$250. The fee for CSI White Earth is \$175. Scholarships are available.

ALL *Catalyst* students must attend an orientation dinner on Nov. 9 and the Learn To Serve orientation session Tuesday, February 3, 2010.

Lastly, students are expected to assist with fund raising efforts such as the International Dodgeball Tournament, December 6, 2009, and the V-Day Cup Cake Sale.

**A Key To Service-Learning is Reflection
Reflection includes our Catalyst Questions and Goals**

Community Service-Learning Investigation:

Our mission for the trips is to investigate questions of justice and community. Here are some questions that we hope you start to find answers to on the trip.

**Who am I in context of community?
How do I take personal and collective action for justice?
How do I challenge stereotypes and assumptions?
What are we giving?
How do I enter into a community that is new to me?
How do I participate in community?
How do I bring the justice work home?
How can I open myself to urgent injustice and stay compassionate?
Which issues are you in for the long haul and which are you able to lend a hand?
How are justice issues interrelated? How am I supposed to focus my energy
when the web of issues is so tangled?
How do I balance a one-time service trip with my daily life when I return home?
What balance of service and learning works for me?
How do I accept or offer hospitality?**

Our Catalyst goals

- To help you to learn more about yourself within a service learning setting.
- Recognize values, flexibility and ability to work well in new situations.
- Learn useful organizational skills.
- Become more conscientious when dealing with diversity
- Increase the development of citizenship skills so that students make a difference in the local, state, national, and world communities.

Student Participant Application for Catalyst 2010 Trips

Name: _____

Please list which trip you are applying for, and if you want to be considered for more than one, please rank your choice.

_____Chicago _____New Orleans _____Washington DC _____White Earth

Application Questions

Type your responses on a separate sheet of paper.

Do not put your name on the typed answers to the application questions.

Please return your answers with your application to the OSLV in the Student Center or through campus mail (Box 101) by **October 29, 2009**.

1. Why do you want to participate on this service-learning trip?
2. Why is it important that you spend your spring break learning and serving?
3. What does service-learning mean to you?
4. What experiences do you have with community service or volunteering? How have those experiences shaped the skills, wisdom, and knowledge that you'll be bringing to the group?
5. What you would like to gain from your service-learning experience?
6. Besides the list of questions provided above, what other questions are you hoping to investigate and why?
7. What three expectations do you have of the group with whom you will be serving?

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Year at Hamline: _____ Mailbox #: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relation to you: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell _____

Health Insurance Information

Insurance Carrier: _____

Group #: _____ ID #: _____

As a participant upon acceptance, you agree to the following:

- Participation in all mandatory pre-trip work of readings, discussions, group meetings and events. Tuesday, Feb 3, 2010
- Attendance at orientation dinner, date to be announced
- Learn to Serve, Monday, Nov 9. 5-6:30.
- Reflection during and after the trip (keeping a journal and taking photographs are helpful).
- Fundraising for your service trip. Each group needs to raise \$500.
- Attendance at Welcome Home dinner, to be scheduled.
- A presentation to the Hamline Community during Honors Day.
- Refrain from alcoholic beverages or drug consumption while on the trip (even if YOU ARE 21).
- Student Fee: \$175 for Minnesota and \$250 for other Catalyst trips. Fee is due on December 1, 2008.
- NEW ORLEANS and Washington: if you cancel after Feb 2, the cost of the plane ticket will be forwarded to your student account.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return by **October 29, 2009** to OSLV, or MB 101, with completed answers.

???Questions??? Call the OSLV at 651-523-2483